

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A method of testing the strength of a glass container, comprising pressurizing the container, the container failing the test if it breaks,
wherein the container is pressurized to be subjected to a pressure profile which in a first stage increases from a starting pressure to a peak pressure at a first average rate of pressure increase, and which in a second stage decreases from the peak pressure to the starting pressure at a second, greater, average rate of pressure decrease.
2. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second stage of the pressure profile involves reducing the pressure substantially instantaneously to the starting pressure.
3. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed ~~in any preceding claim~~ in claim 2, wherein the starting pressure is atmospheric pressure.
4. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the first stage of the pressure profile involved ramping the pressure substantially linearly to the peak pressure.
5. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed ~~in any preceding claim 1~~, wherein pressurizing the container comprises filling the container with a liquid and pressurizing the liquid.
6. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the pressure is applied by first sealing the container and applying the pressure hydrostatically using the liquid.
7. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the water is used to apply the pressure hydrostatically.
8. (Original) A method as claimed in 6 or 7, wherein the container seal is applied using an o-ring which seals under hydrostatic pressure.

9. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the pressure is released in the second stage by opening a hydraulic valve.

10. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the pressure is applied using a mechanical servo driven drive and the pressure is released in the second stage by a pneumatic cylinder.

11. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed ~~in any preceding claim~~ in claim 1, wherein the container is subjected to a plurality of tests.

12. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed ~~in any preceding claim~~ in claim 1, wherein the first stage of the pressure profile has a duration of 30 - 250mns.

13. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 12, wherein the first stage of the pressure profile has a duration of 40 – 70mns.

14. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed ~~in any preceding claim~~ in claim 1, wherein the second stage of the pressure profile has a duration of 0-10ms.

15. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the second stage of the pressure profile has a duration of 0-2ms.

16. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed ~~in any preceding claim~~ in claim 1, wherein the second stage immediately follows the first stage.

17. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed ~~in any preceding claim~~ in claim 1, wherein the peak pressure is in the range 300-900 Bar.

18. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the peak pressure is in the range 300-700 Bar.

19. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in any ~~preceding claim~~ one of claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11, 14 and 16, wherein the pressure to which the container is controlled using feedback from a pressure sensor.

20. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in ~~any preceding claim~~ 19, wherein the container comprises a glass capsule for a needle-less injector.

21. (Currently Amended) A method of testing a ~~batch~~ plurality of containers, comprising:
applying to each container of ~~the batch a method as claimed in any preceding claim~~ a plurality of containers a method comprising the steps of:

pressurizing each container to a pressure profile which in a first stage increases from a starting pressure to a peak pressure at a first average rate of pressure increase, and which in a second stage decreases from the peak pressure to the starting pressure at a second, greater, average rate of pressure decrease; and

determine if each container break as an indication of test failure.